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## Small Audience Enjoys Aberdeens

Either an opportunity to see and hear a real British lord and countless ho'ds no attraction for democratic Ashland, or Ashland people believe that charity begins at home and kept their quarters and halves in their pockets. At any rate, the event held under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Club for the benefit of the Belgian relief work, and at which Lord and Lady Aberdeen were the big attractions, failed to receive very hearty support. Only about a hundred people were present at the affair at the Elks temple last Monday evening.

Beyond the fact that the speakers were titled and hence more or less objects of curiosity, Lord and Lady Aberdeen are of world renown in various charitable organizations and brought a message distinctively worth hearing.

The Methodist quartet rendered a much appreciated selection prior to Lord Aberdeen's talk, and Mrs. Sylvan Provost delighted her hearers with a beautiful vocal solo. Rev. Farquhar of the Ashland Congregational church introduced the visitors and acted as chairman. Rev. Farquhar, himself a native of Scotland and familiar with the country around Aberdeen, indulged in some interesting comments upon old times and men of Scotland which were enjoyed by the audience and met with frequent interpolations of "Hear" from Lord Aberdeen.

Lord Aberdeen, ex-governor general of Canada and lord lieutenant of Ireland, announced his subject to be "Reminiscences of a Viceroy" and stated that inasmuch as he was not at present at the head of the Canadian or Irish government he felt that he could speak with greater freedom upon several subjects which otherwise he would have to remain silent upon. Beginning at the time of the Crimean war, Lord Aberdeen's talk was composed to the greater part of reminiscences of great men of that time and on down to the present. From his personal acquaintance with all of the recent American ambassadors, he had a wealth of anecdotes concerning them which were interesting in the extreme. During his introductory remarks and frequently during his address, Lord Aberdeen referred to the beauties of Ashland and the wonderful resort possibilities of the city, and compared it with many of the great resorts of the old world, notably Braemar in Scotland.

Lady Aberdeen opened her remarks with words of thanks to the Civic Improvement Club ladies and complimented them upon their progress in initiating a campaign for a better Ashland. She, too, was enthusiastic over Ashland's beauties, which she and Lord Aberdeen had an opportunity to see Monday afternoon during the course of an auto ride over the city parks and drives. Lady Aberdeen then launched into a story of the betterment work in Ireland and particularly at Dublin, in which she is one of the leaders. She described the unspeakably sordid surroundings of the poorer classes in the big cities of Ireland and told of the civic betterment work which was being inaugurated. She told of the great help which several Americans had furnished in the work. Lady Aberdeen has also been intimately concerned in the Belgian relief work, and stated that the United States at large would never know the real extent of the relief which had come from this country and how greatly it was appreciated. Her main appeal was for the children in Ireland, Belgium, and in fact everywhere, that they might have an opportunity to become greater men and women. She closed her address with an appeal for unremitting efforts for the children's welfare everywhere and thanked those who were present, saying that by their coming they had shown that they had the welfare of the children at heart.

Lady Aberdeen, of regal presence and showing her rank in every word and action, nevertheless made everyone who had the pleasure of hearing her, forget all superfluities and see only the great mother heart which has made her one of the world's greatest workers.

Following the addresses a reception was held and those present given an opportunity to meet the visitors.

Mrs. C. N. Culy and two children of Grants Pass, who visited friends in the city the first of the week, returned home Wednesday.

## Eaton May Fight At Klamath Falls

Brud Shamrock, manager of Beryl Eaton, who is establishing quite a reputation in coast fistic circles, informs us that he has received an offer for a return match for young Eaton with Vashbinder of Gold Hill. Shamrock states that Eaton clearly demonstrated his superiority over Vashbinder during the Thanksgiving day contest at that place and that he will not consider another match without a sufficient guarantee to make the go worth while. Eaton is the kind of fighter whom the fans like to see in action and is in demand. Shamrock states that if Bobby Allen of Klamath Falls agrees to make 133 pounds, the lightweight limit, a match will be staged between Eaton and Allen in that city on Christmas day. A revival of the boxing game has been quietly going on in the Klamath city and much interest is manifested in the negotiations for the proposed match with the Ashland boy.

Eaton is well under the lightweight limit in weight and in fact has been giving his opponents several pounds in every fight. He is fast, a hard hitter, and those who saw the wonderful exhibition he put up at Gold Hill prophesy a brilliant future for the game Ashland boy.

## Census of Schools Shows Increase

The census of the Ashland schools, the compiling of which was completed last week, shows an increase of twenty-one children of school age in the city over the last year's report. There are 1,332 children of between the ages of 4 and 20 in the district, according to the 1915 census. Last year there were 1,309. There is a slight preponderance in favor of the feminine element, the girls outnumbering the boys by about thirty. H. F. Pohland and F. D. Wagner collected the figures for the census.

## Local Ministers Indorse Rest Bill

There is in course of preparation a bill to be presented to the people at the next general election the purpose of which is summed up in the following statement: "It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this state, as a police regulation, to protect each citizen in his incontestable right to enjoy one day of rest in seven as a natural law of the human constitution, and to thus promote the health, happiness, safety, intelligence and the social and moral development of the people, and this statute shall be known by the short title of 'One-day-of-rest-in-seven act.'" The Rev. G. L. Tufts of Portland has been in Ashland in the interest of said bill. Sunday he spoke at the Presbyterian church in the morning and the Congregational church in the afternoon and the Methodist church in the evening.

At a called meeting of the Ministerial Association held Monday afternoon this movement was endorsed.

## Elks' Memorial Service Sunday

In keeping with the time-honored custom, the B. P. O. Elks will gather in their lodge rooms on next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 to pay a loving tribute to the memory of the departed brothers. This ceremony is not confined to local observance, but is general all over the world where Elks are assembled, and is typical of the spirit and teachings of the great brotherhood that they give pause on that date and remember the absent brothers.

The memorial committee, consisting of W. E. Newcombe, I. E. Vining and J. S. MacMurray, has arranged a program of music and addresses for the occasion. Mrs. C. B. Wolf, Mrs. Henry Provost and A. L. Strickland will sing. Judge Henry L. Benson of Klamath Falls will deliver the memorial address, and the eulogy to the departed brothers will be given by J. K. Choate. Elks who have died during the year are: Arthur S. Hubbard, William G. Gowland and Henry J. Clark.

The Klamath Falls council has levied a tax of 12.5 mills for 1916.

## Postmaster Kaiser Shot by Crazy Clerk Who Then Commits Suicide

Postmaster E. J. Kaiser is lying at Granite City hospital in a serious condition with two bullet holes in his head, and Postoffice Clerk William Greenfield is dead as the result of a pitiful tragedy enacted in the local postoffice Tuesday at 11:15 a. m. William Greenfield, who was to have been discharged Tuesday from the postal service, apparently became crazed from brooding over his dismissal and shot Postmaster Kaiser two times, then turned the gun on himself and putting the muzzle in his mouth committed suicide.

The shooting occurred when Miss Lydia McCall was the only clerk in the office. Assistant Postmaster H. G. Eastman being in the State bank next door. Kaiser was seated in his chair looking out of the window when Greenfield walked up behind the general delivery box case to within ten feet of Kaiser and shot without warning. One bullet took effect back of Mr. Kaiser's ear and ranged through the neck to the shoulder, where it was embedded. The second entered near his nose and ranged down into the mouth, knocking a tooth out, which fell out with the bullet with the first rush of blood from his mouth. Greenfield then placed the gun in his mouth and fired, the bullet embedding itself in the base of his brain. He fell to the floor back of the partition and was unnoticed in the first excitement. A traveling man who was writing at one of the desks ran out of the building yelling "There is a man shot," and Miss McCall also ran out screaming for help. Several men around the Plaza and in Butler's confectionery next door heard the reports and rushed into the postoffice. In coming out Miss McCall slammed the door of the office and the spring lock fastened, necessitating breaking the glass. Mr. Kaiser was slumped down in his chair but at no time lost consciousness. When asked who shot him he said, "I think Greenfield shot me twice and then committed suicide." Two doctors arrived almost immediately, and seeing that the blood coming from the suicide's wounds was arterial, turned their attention to Mr. Kaiser and soon succeeded in stopping the worst of the blood flow. Mr. Kaiser was taken to Granite City Hospital. Greenfield did not regain consciousness and was taken to the Sanitarium about 12:30, where he passed out at 1:25. The shooting was done with a 22-calibre special revolver with a long barrel.

That Mr. Kaiser was not killed seems almost a miracle, for had either of the bullets gone an inch higher it would have meant almost certain death. The shooting was totally unexpected. As far as can be ascertained no argument preceded the affair.

## Majority Signed For District Plan

Farmers of the Ashland-Talent district have completed initial moves necessary for the formation of an irrigation district and will apply to the county court at its January meeting for the creation of the district, comprising the bulk of the land possible to irrigate in the southern end of the valley excepting lands within the corporate limits of Ashland and Talent. A majority of the owners have signed the petition, which will be presented the court.

The irrigation plan met with a ready response from the farmers of the district who are anxious to secure the benefit of water on their land. If the county court creates the district an election will be held to select directors who will select the most feasible plan outlined by the report of the government engineers who recently completed a survey of the water sources and possible systems and are compiling data. Then a second election will be held to pass on the plan finally.

The district includes all of the land from a line which crosses Bear creek at the Talent bridge and extends west to the territory covered by the Phoenix canal, east of Bear creek to the hills and south of Ashland to the George Dunn place. All of the land in this territory which can be irrigated except that included in the corporation limits of Talent and Ashland, will come under the plan.

F. L. Colvig was a business visitor in Medford Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Kaiser is well known throughout the state and is one of the leaders in democratic politics in this section. He was appointed postmaster last year. He was for many years editor of the Valley Record, now the Ashland Record, and is one of Ashland's kindest and most respected citizens. That any personal differences contributed to the affair is held impossible, and in fact Greenfield had been heard to speak very highly of Mr. Kaiser on account of his breadth of character.

While the circumstances surrounding the intended dismissal of Greenfield are not to be obtained, the nature of the clerk and the contributing circumstances make his act more understandable. Greenfield was an Austrian Jew, born in Austria, and was about thirty years of age, as near as can be learned. He came to Ashland from New York city some five years ago and was in the postoffice employ for eight years prior to coming here. His parents live in New York. Greenfield was subject to indigestion and had habits of eating which were disgusting to those around him. He was a very well read man and a student of sociology, and at times inclined toward rather radical ideas. Having spent his whole life as a postoffice clerk and undoubtedly believing, as was natural, that he was fitted for nothing else and that his discharge meant the end of his chances, word of his dismissal coming from the higher officials and broken to him by Mr. Kaiser must have crazed him. On account of his nationality and habits he did not have a single close friend in Ashland and was almost isolated. Understanding his life, the state of mind which led to the act he committed can be more easily understood. Mr. Kaiser expressed pity for his assailant.

As Greenfield was under the civil service his dismissal came from the postoffice department at Washington and Postmaster Kaiser had nothing to do with the dismissal beyond informing Greenfield. The letter ordering Greenfield's dismissal gave as causes: Absenting himself from duty without leave from May 18 to August 10, 1915; using abusive language in the workroom of the postoffice while on duty; incompetability, insubordination and unsatisfactory service.

The bullet which lodged in Postmaster Kaiser's shoulder was removed yesterday morning without difficulty.

Coroner John Perl decided that no inquest was necessary on the death of Greenfield.

At a late hour this (Thursday) afternoon Mr. Kaiser was reported to be very much better, and barring any unforeseen complications his recovery is assured.

## Hotel Committee Reports Progress

The Commercial Club hotel committee, composed of M. C. Reed, V. O. N. Smith and J. W. McCoy, report fair progress in securing subscriptions for stock in the remodeling of Hotel Oregon. However, they say that the citizens of Ashland will have to arouse themselves to a fuller realization of what the proposition means to the city, as the subscriptions are not being made as freely as they should by those who are in a position to take stock. About half of the citizens have been canvassed and not nearly half of the required amount of stock secured.

The hotel proposition is a good business proposition and everyone who can possibly spare the money or raise the money to put into stock should carefully investigate the matter.

## May Form County Taxpayers' League

J. A. Westerlund was named at a recent meeting in Medford to select a committee of fifteen to consider the organization of a county taxpayers' league for Jackson county. It is desired to have the league formed in time to consider the county budget soon to be issued. Robert E. Smith, secretary of the Douglas County Taxpayers' League, addressed the Medford meeting.

## New York Show Coming Next Week

Ashland theatregoers will on Wednesday, December 8, be offered a road show which has proved to be one of the biggest successes of the season. "Twin Beds" is an American comedy of love, laughter and thrills—the laughing sensation of New York, where "Twin Beds" recently completed a run of one whole year to audiences that were convulsed with merriment. Its refreshing and appealing story and the brilliant manner in which it was unfolded by an exceptional cast of skilled comedians were the reasons for the phenomenal success of "Twin Beds" on Broadway.

"Twin Beds" will be offered at the Vining Theatre Wednesday, December 8, and will doubtless prove one of the most popular attractions in many months. The cast includes such well-known favorites as Juliette Day, J. Morrill Morrison, Marian Lord, P. Paul Porcasi, Editha Maxham, William Weston, Eleanor Wilton and others.

"Twin Beds" is playing at the Hellig Theatre, Portland, this week. The Vining Theatre prices for the attraction will be \$1.50 top price and ranging down to 50 cents.

## New Screen Star In "Kindling"

Miss Charlotte Walker, one of the most famous, beautiful and altogether charming of the young American stage stars, makes her debut on the screen in the picture play, "Kindling," and will appear for the first time on an Ashland screen at the Vining Theatre Friday night. "Kindling" is a story with a "genuine punch." It tells the story of a woman of the tenements who helps a thief to rob the house where she is employed in order that she may get the money to leave the crowded city and bear a child under more healthful and normal conditions.

## Council Passes 18.2 Mills Budget

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Wednesday morning the city budget for 1916 was adopted. The budget as adopted is considerably modified from the proposed budget as published in the Tidings. The council found it necessary to reduce the budget to an amount which would not be in excess of 6 per cent more than last year's levy. As finally passed by the council the budget calls for 11.3 mills for the running expenses of the city and 6.9 mills for interest and bond retirement. The total tax will be 18.2 mills. The total amount raised will be \$50,505, \$31,358 of which is for the various funds and \$19,147 for interest and bonds. The levy is divided among the various funds as follows: General, \$17,205; street, \$4,262; fire, \$2,498; park, \$3,330; library, \$2,498; auxiliary water, \$1,110; publicity and Chautausau, \$555.

## Auto Thieves Bound Over to Grand Jury

George McConkey and Thomas McDonald, who it is alleged stole a Ford automobile at Medford and several small articles at Ashland and drove to Los Angeles, where they were captured, were brought back to Medford Monday and bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds after a hearing in the justice court. The men changed the number on the car at Ashland and are supposed to have stolen several articles here and others at California towns.

Bickmore LeRoy, foreman of the Ashland Record about five years ago, and remembered by many Ashlanders, has been notified that he has fallen heir to a \$50,000 estate through the death of his father. LeRoy founded and published the Talent Rustler for a couple of years prior to his employment in the Record office. He was located by attorneys in Weaverville, Cal., and has gone to Portland to take charge of the estate.

Sale. Mrs. Simons will begin sale Saturday, December 4. One-half off on everything while they last. New goods this week. 55-2t

## Visiting Notables See Big Future

Those who heard Lord Aberdeen speak at the Elks Temple on Monday night will remember the growing tribute he paid to Ashland and its possibilities as a resort. This distinguished visitor was given an opportunity to see the city by the publicity department earlier in the day, and the tribute he paid to the city was due to the impressions he received as he drove about with Manager Duryea and Secretary Norris of the Commercial Club. He was driven in an automobile through the entire park system and shown all the development work that is so near completion. After visiting Litchia Park he was taken over Glenview Drive, in order that he might see from its highest point the beauty of the city's location and the charm of its environment. From Glenview Drive he was taken to the east and west ends of the town and shown the schools and other public buildings.

Lord Aberdeen asked many questions about the city and its resources. He was very much interested in the present development and expressed the opinion that Ashland will become famous as a resort. He said Ashland reminded him of Braemar, one of the most famous resorts in Scotland. He told Manager Duryea that he had visited many of the great, world-renowned resorts and that many of these, where thousands of visitors go annually, did not begin to have the natural advantages that we have here in Ashland. He appeared to be particularly impressed with the beauty of the surroundings of the city, and said its location reminded him of some of the lovely places in the hills of Switzerland. Like all visitors to Ashland, this man who has travelled far and seen much recognized the worth and value of our combination of mineral springs, charm of environment and delightful climate as a basis on which to build here a great resort city. The most important question he asked was, "Do your own people appreciate these things that you are showing me?" It was, also, the hardest question to answer.

When Lord Aberdeen was taken back to the hotel, at the end of his ride, he said to Manager Duryea: "I am to talk tonight about my reminiscences. When I leave Ashland I shall add to my reminiscences the memory of this delightful trip through your beautiful city, and I shall not fail to talk about it."

## Oregon Building Sold for \$1,520

The magnificent log Oregon building at the San Francisco exposition has been sold for \$1,520 to a San Francisco factory, who will make matches of the logs and lumber. The building cost about \$36,000, but the great quantity of waste material thrown on the market in the course of the tearing down of the great exposition structures, which will begin next week, made the securing of a decent price impossible. Some of the exhibits were sold and a total of about \$2,000 realized on the building and these contents.

Many of the exhibits will be brought back to Oregon and some of the permanent exhibits housed at Portland.

## Commercial Club Meets Monday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Commercial Club will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Several important matters are scheduled to come up for discussion and a large turnout of members is looked forward to. The Commercial Club is becoming a big factor in Ashland projects and much more interest is being taken in the club's activities this year than ever before.

## Syracuse Defeats Oregon Aggies 28-0

The Oregon Agricultural College football team proved to be no match for the heavy machine from Syracuse, N. Y., University and lost 28-0 to the easterners at Portland yesterday. Perfect execution of complicated plays had the Aggies at sea and scored two touchdowns for Syracuse before the Oregon men got their hands on the ball.